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Repairs to minor irrigation sources in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts.

* 453 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts sanctioned in 1952–53 for carrying out repairs to minor irrigation sources in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts respectively; and

(*b*) what were the amounts asked for by the Collectors of both the districts in this respect?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) For the Visakhapatnam district an allotment of Rs. 3,23,600 was sanctioned for maintenance and flood repairs as against an amount of Rs. 4,65,097 applied for by the Collector. As regards Srikakulam district a sum of Rs. 2,50,450 was sanctioned as against a sum of Rs. 4,98,500 applied for by the Collector."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the months of February and March this year the Government have issued orders stopping all minor irrigation works under execution in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts, and if so, why? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am not aware of any general order like that. But, only recently I visited the Srikakulam district and all breaches had been very promptly closed up."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Out of the amount allotted to Visakhapatnam district, how much was for maintenance and how much was for improvement schemes? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have got a long detailed list and if the hon. Member kindly approaches me I will let him know."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Am I to understand whether any special allotment has been made in view of the recent floods in Srikakulam district to repair the minor irrigation sources? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Pending allotment, orders have been issued to close up the breaches and I personally saw that many of the breaches had been actually closed up."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" In view of the large number of complaints received by the Collector in regard to non-repair of channels in Visakhapatnam district, may I request the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue to make a further provision to meet the extra demand of ryots in Vizianagaram zamindari and other estates? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I shall look into the matter."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Collectors of Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts and various estate managers in those two districts have asked the Government for the appointment of more staff even for the normal maintenance of minor irrigation sources, and if so, what is the action taken by the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question of sanctioning extra staff is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" The Hon. Minister said that an amount of about Rs. 3·0 lakhs had been sanctioned. May I know what amount had been expended by the authorities concerned?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I find from the papers with me that an amount of about Rs. 7,000 has been surrendered."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" What are the arrangements made for carrying out the repairs of the major channels in the estates which have been taken over recently in the Visakhapatnam district?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They have been taken over only recently and the hon. Member should wait for a little while for the formulation of a programme."

Number of suits stayed under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act.

* 456 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many suits have been stayed under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and under the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Act in so far as Malabar is concerned; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take any and if so, what steps to remove the difficulties arising out of a recent decision of the High Court interpreting that section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act applies only to cases not governed by the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Act?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The total number of suits stayed in the Civil Courts of Malabar district under the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Act and section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1951, is 19,583.

" (*b*) The decision referred to does not give rise to any difficulty and hence no action by the Government is necessary."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as under section 55 of the Malabar Tenancy Act suits not coming under the Tenants and Ryots Protection Act have been stayed and inasmuch as that